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Attached for filing is the patent application of:

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SAFETY SYRINGE NEEDLE DEVICE

- ☐ Newly executed Declaration, ☒ Copy of Declaration from prior application, ☐ Abstract  
☐ Please **delete** the following inventors in the continuation/division/continuation-in-part application:

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73 pages of specification and claims (including 1 numbered claims), and  
29 sheets of accompanying drawing/s.

- ☐ Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on the following foreign applications:

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, respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application..

- ☐ Certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) is/are attached.  
☐ Certified copy(ies) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ in prior appln. no. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ This application claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.  
☒ This application is a ☒ division see Preliminary Amendment for related applications.  
☐ Petition filed in prior application to extend its life to insure co-pendency.  
☒ The prior application is assigned to Inviro Medical Devices Limited.  
☒ It is hereby requested that the Examiner consider the art cited in the parent application by applicant and/or the Examiner for the reasons stated therein. A listing of that art is attached.  
☐ Applicant claims "small entity" status. ☐ "Small entity" statement attached.  
☒ Please enter the attached preliminary amendment **prior** to calculation of filing fee:  
**Cancel claims 1-12 and add new claim 13.**  
☐ Also attached: ☐ Information Disclosure Statement; ☐ Non-Publication Request; ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission; ☐ Statement deleting Inventor(s) named in prior application; ☐ Other:

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